

HELLO OUT THERE! WAKE UP! ALL YOU BRIGADE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEMBERS

Once again the BAR has sent all of you members of that august body membership applications which you are to complete and send to your unit commander. Guess who that is. I can't send in our unit return until I get your personal forms from each and every one of you. We already have been hit with a late fee! Get the lead out!!

NEXT EVENT: PUBLIC OPENING OF THE CANADIAN MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM, BRANTFORD

APR 9,10

This is the first public event of the Yorker 1994 Campaign. Here's some details of what will be happening.

1. The featured MAMH unit for this weekend will be our Great War Section. All members of this unit should support its efforts. The unit will participate in a Commemoration of the Vimy Ridge attack of April 9, 1917 and will officiate at the Opening Ceremony for the CMH Museum. They will also hold parade & tactical drills and erect a temporary static display.
2. We hope that temporary static displays will be brought by the Royal George, the Perths, the Athena Section, Norden and H.M.C.S.
3. For the Rev War loyalist folks, we've formed a committee in charge of designing and erecting a permanent display for this location. All of our Loyalist Corps & the Indian Dept will be included in photos & text. Under the chairmanship of Dave Putnam, the committee includes Keith Croucher, Fil Walker and Scott Paterson. Norm Agnew & Claus Reuter are preparing a complimentary German display. Scott and his Rangers will do the actual manufacturing of the display and its erection.

For the two days of the opening, we would like to man the Rev War display with a squad of men representing both battalions drawn from those who are not in any of the other MAMH units. Sjt Visser will take this detail and provide coverage for both units. Butler's & Brants will also provide personnel.

All members & their guests are welcome to come and visit the museum, in kit or otherwise. Following the pattern set by this Rev War exhibit, we hope that our other units will erect permanent displays.

THE RAWLE PATTERN CARTRIDGE POUCH

The rumours mentioned in the last newsletter about a mandatory conversion to this accurate pattern of cartridge pouch have been substantiated. Governor General Haldimand has directed that all of his "best and most active Troops" are to be re-equipped with the Rawle; however, due the vicissitudes of the war and the stress upon the coffers of the Crown, the cost is to be borne by the troops.

A number of you have already recognized the efficacy of this pattern and purchased a Rawle. Orders from Major James Gray have come down that all troops will convert to the new pattern pouch within this campaign year. Conversion by Company will be in this order:

1. Grenadiers by Jun 15.
2. Major's Coy by Jul 15.
3. Colonel's Coy by Aug 15.

This timetable will allow for new supplies to be brought into Stores in King City.

Note well: no Company will alter the new pouches by mounting Brass Plates.

There will currently be no allowances allowed for trade-ins of the Suitcase pouch now that it is considered entirely obsolete. HQ is in negotiation with the 23rd Royal Welch Fusiliers of the Central Department and a sale to them may occur at which time I will call in all outstanding pouches.

Supple, clean Pouch Slings will be purchased for reworking into Musket Slings at \$25 each.

RETURN OF A VETERAN

Good news!! Himself is pleased to announce that Ensign Syl Haase, the veteran of many years stalwart service in the ranks and the officers' corps of the 1st Battalion, has declared his desire to reenter the rolls of the regiment. Ensign Haase will serve as Aide de Camp for the Colonel and the officer commanding events, and will also be honoured to resume his duty in the Colour Party as a colour bearer or guard as required.

THE WINTER PARTY IN REVIEW

Another spectacular meal organized by Appleby College was enjoyed by all who made this event. A superb turnout by the Drums including our newest Drummer, Barry Maybee, who was wearing the oldest drums' coat in the regiment (1975!) A good showing by the Grenadiers and Lights was appreciated. New members making their very first appearance in kit were - Agnes Ladon in the Refugees and Pte Mark Giroux, No.2 Section Colonel's. Uniformed visitors from the Senior Service, were Richard Price, Jim Lowrie and Gord Laco of the Royal George and Christian Cameron of the 34th Foot, the mentor-regiment of the original KRR NY. The Three Big Dummies provided excellent musical entertainment and music for the dancing. The kids ran around like maniacs and Lorenzen and Paine exposed their flies.

SjtMjr Dave Moore made two announcements, one very sad, the other very happy: Dave advised the membership that he is rapidly losing his eyesight to a degenerative, congenital disorder. Dave wants everyone to know that if he doesn't seem to recognize you at a distance, it is due to this very serious problem and not in any way intended as a slight. On a much, much happier note, Dave also formally announced his wedding in a month's time to Deidre Walker, a lovely lady that many of us have met in the role of spectator at recent events. Congratulations and best wishes from us all!!

The Yorker of the Year Trophy

Traditionally, the previous year's winner receives a momento in recognition of their award (currently a brass plated, Peter Twist figurine); however, we were all disappointed as Kate LeBlanc was not at the party to receive this. Then, lo and behold, she ran in from the back of the hall just in time to receive the regiment's applause. It was only when she wrapped her arms around Capt James to give him a big kiss that everyone found to their dismay that it was Wannamaker in drag. I say everyone, except Ensign Moreau who was overheard to say that Wannamaker looked better in a petticoat than he ever did in uniform in the ranks. Capt Paine later agreed.

Himself then announced this year's two runners-up for this trophy which is awarded to members who epitomize regimental spirit through their hard work to promote and better the unit; their deportment as members; their attendance at events and their assistance in special projects. The voting this year was extremely close. For everyone's edification, here are the citations read by Himself that night.

1993 Winner - Keith Croucher, Pte No.1 Section, Col's Coy, 1Bn

For his immense dedication to the regiment, his constant promotion of, and recruiting for, the unit in his home area and his willingness to support events far and wide. For his good nature which makes him such a good target for the Colonel's vitriol. For his tremendous effort over a three year span to bring together the London 200 event in a city entirely ignorant of the hobby. (With recognition to the efforts of Mike Henry & Steve Sandford)

1st Runner Up - Fil Walker, Pte Light Coy, 1Bn, Pte Crawford's Coy, 2Bn & Brevet Lieut of Scouts

For his dedication to the regiment, his assistance with many supply issues, his 18C research. For being miserably opinionated and usually wrong.

For his conceptual thinking, organizational effort and leadership skills relative to the Hoffman's Notch Trek. (With recognition to the efforts of Todd Girdwood & Christian Cameron)

2nd Runner Up - Refugee Caroline Laing, 1Bn

For her dedication to the regiment and to the accuracy of her clothing & deportment in her role as a Refugee/Follower and her warm, friendly help with new members. For being so damn good-looking (and being Born to Be Wild.)

For the management of the Childrens' Clothing wardrobe and her organizational assistance and narration of the Rags & Refugees presentations.

Major Gray Trophy

Presented to the regiment by SjtMjr Dave Moore, the Gray Cup is given to the member who best portrays a soldier of the regiment as his peers perceive it, through his bearing, knowledge of drill, his appearance and his execution of his role. As this trophy is always awarded during the campaign year in a venue that doesn't offer an opportunity to recognize the runners-up, here they are for 1993. These were read.

1st Runner Up - Steve Gilbey, Cpl Grenadiers, 1Bn

For his dedication to this Company; his keen Regimental spirit; his superb soldierly bearing and his potential for momentary & instantaneous insanity.

2nd Runner Up - Mike Putnam, Drummer 1 & 2Bns

For his dedication to both battalions of the regiment in the key roll of drummer; his efforts to improve his drumming skills and his excellent deportment as a soldier. And for his popularity with the wenches at events.

3rd Runner Up - Dave Gutteridge, Pte No.2 Section, Maj's Coy, 1Bn & Crawford's Coy, 2Bn

For his dedication to both battalions of the regiment, his knowledge and bearing as a soldier; his cheerful disposition and his patience as the chauffeur to his ageing Colonel.

4th Runner Up - Al Laing, Pte No.1 Section, Col's Coy, 1Bn

For his dedication to his company and regiment; his excellent deportment as a soldier and his execution of the key role of company marker; his 'friendly giant' attitude and his frightening marksmanship.

There will always be members of the regiment who cannot win the Yorker of the Year award because they hold rank, or cuz they are unable to attend sufficient events, or, or... and these folks need the recognition of their peers in the regiment. Steve Gilbey came up with the idea of a Mention In Dispatches Verbal Award that would give the Sections to which these members belong an opportunity to have one of their members recognized. These were the M.I.D.'s read at the party.

Cyd Paul-Girdwood, Refugee Corporal, 1 & 2Bns

For the thankless job of many, many years of managing the Refugee Starter Kit programme which includes reproducing instructions sheets, preparing pattern templates, and assembling and distributing of these at the same time as she brings up her helpless, drooling, whining husband and caters to her delightful children.

Bruce Grundy, Grenadier Corporal, 1Bn

For his dedication to his Company and the regiment; his excellent turn-out and proficiency as a soldier. His quiet good natured self and his beautiful haircuts.

Jon Wannamaker, Pte No.2 Section, Maj's Coy, 1Bn & Crawford's Coy

For his insane love of promoting the regiment and the hobby. His intensive research into arcane subjects. His irrepressibly naughty sense of humour.

Mike Martin, Corporal No.1 Section, Col's Coy, 1Bn

For his dedicated long service in the regiment; his great attendance at events; his willingness to take on dismal projects and his many good works for the unit.

Ephron (Dave) Putnam, Pte, Crawford's Coy, 2Bn

For his continued sense of dedication to the regiment and his great organization of the Ancaster

event, especially the superb tactical ground which allowed the 2Bn to whip the 1Bn.

Of course, all of this wouldn't be right without the Colonel having his own particular say. Thus the Commanding Officer's Verbal Certificate.

Johan Klyndyk, Pte, No.1 Section, Col's Coy, 1Bn

For bringing a vacuum cleaner to events and filling his tent with more 20C garbage than most junk shops contain. For his unfaltering salesmanship of regimental and other loyal decals to the unsuspecting and his many gifts of funds to the regiment from his sales projects. For his promise that he will voluntarily fall-out when he's feeling sick.

A LOSS TO THE REGIMENT

Bad news - Adam Everingham has decided to pack it in. One of those guys who joins and right away fits in as a classic defaulter, Adam did his worst for a couple of seasons and then just couldn't take the pressure of conformity brought to bear by his Colonel, his Captain, his Sjt Mjr, his Sjt and his Cpl. He will be missed.

KINGSTON MILITARY GUN SHOW, THE ARMOURY, 100 MONTREAL ST., KINGSTON ONT

Tex Joyner has sent us the notice of this event. There will be 150 tables of guns, badges, medals, uniforms, books, prints and militaria of all kinds. Admission is \$3.00/head. The show runs on Sat Apr 30 & Sun May 1 for 1000 to 1600hrs. Don Reed & Rich Parks are usually there with a Perth Regt display and perhaps Capt Paine with Ptes Joyner & Wannamaker will make the scene for the 2nd Bn KRR or maybe LCpl Moreau and Ptes Joyner, Paine & Girdwood with a 21Bn C.E.F. in the home armoury, or maybe both. Need an end-of-winter outing?? Go to it!

A WORD OF HELLO!

All you landlubbers who remember the Ol' Sailor are sent his best wishes and fondest memories. Gerry is well and buried deep in francophone Canada, at least, this week it's Canada. He misses the regiment and had many tales of reminiscence that bore no relationship to things that happened when I was around.

1995 - 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON FORTRESS LOUISBOURG, CAPE BRETON JULY 28-30, 1995

Many of you are aware that there's been lots of talk about this mega event and some discussion that the KRR NY would be asked to attend, re-equipped as 1745 infantry using coats, breeches & waistcoats supplied through the Canadian War Museum. Well, we still don't have any clarification about that latter detail; however, discussion with CWM Director, Victor Suthren, confirms that the event itself is a 'go' and the site is planning for 500 troops to attend and 7 sailing vessels including the squadron from the Great Lakes and ships from the Atlantic seaboard.

There will be many opportunities to utilize the spectacular facilities of the Fortress (the most extensive and accurate in North America) although, consistent with Maritimes' policy, there will be no opposing-lines battle scenarios. There is no word yet on Camp Followers or what kind of assistance will be offered for travel.

At a minimum, our 1758 NY Provincials and La Compagnie de Milice de Chambly will be invited. Even the 1758 will have to be re-equipped for red regimentals I suspect. The Canadien militia can go as they are. More on the event as it becomes known.

QIA